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COUNTRY: LAOS

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20 JULY 1967

SIBJECT:

SIX AMERICAN PILOTS HELD IN A TWO-STORY BUILDING

IN SAM NEUA

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LAOS, VIENTIANE

SOURCE:

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- A MEO VILLAGER FROM THE VICINITY OF UH 9258 SAID THAT ON 20 JULY 1967 SIX AMERICAN FILOTS WERE BEING HELD PRISONERS AT VH Ø11573, WITHIN THE TOWN OF SAM NEUA. THE FILOTS WERE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF A TWO-STORY RED BUILDING AND MANY GUARDS LIVED ON THE FIRST FLOOR. THE P(LOTS APPEARED TO BE IN POOR PHYSICAL CONDITION. THEY WERE POORLY DRESSED AND HAD NO SHOES.
- AN ENEMY SOLDIER HAD TOLD THE VILLAGER THAT PREVIOUSLY THERE HAD BEEN EIGHT PILOTS BUT THAT TWO HAD DIED.

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RECEIVED FROM A DIFFERENT VILLAGER ON 25 APRIL TO THE EFFECT THAT SIX AMERICAN PILOTS AND TWO THAIS WERE BEING HELD IN A CAVE AT VH 1558, ABOUT ONE KILOMETER SOUTHEAST OF MUONG NGA (VH 1459). BOTH REPORTS PROBABLY REFER TO THE SAME GROUP OF PILOTS.

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